

Committee on Aging
2/28/12 Public Hearing

Please SUPPORT Senate Bill 143 – An Act Increasing Eligibility and Funding for the Alzheimer Respite Care Program

- In the United States, 7 out of 10 people with Alzheimer's live at home where 75% of costs are absorbed by the family. Increasing the income eligibility limit – as is proposed in SB 143, may help family caregivers keep their loved one at home thereby saving the State money and providing care aligned with the desire of the Alzheimer's patient.
- The yearly cost of caring for someone with Alzheimer's depends on the stage of the disease. At moderate disease progression, an income of \$50,000 leaves less than \$20,000 for all other living expenses:
 - \$18,400 for someone with mild symptoms
 - \$30,100 for moderate symptoms
 - \$36,132 for severe symptoms
- The Alzheimer Respite Program is essential in helping a family manage care for a loved one, especially for someone facing extraordinary delays in Connecticut's Title XIX application process.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SB 143. Please contact Attorney Bobby Shea with any follow-up questions or comments: 860-989-5567.